

is incomplete because it does not consider the supplemental response of November 26, 2002, and the Information Disclosure Statement of November 26, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-22, 25-26, 29-30, and 33-34 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 13, and 19-20 being independent.

Submitted herewith is a proposed correction to Fig. 35. Corrected formal drawings including the change in this proposed correction will be submitted when required by the Examiner.

On January 10, 2003, the Examiner called the applicants' representatives at the law firm indicated below and pointed out that there are two reference numerals 31 in prior-art Fig. 35, which has caused the Examiner some difficulty in understanding the differences between independent claims 1, 13, and 20 and prior-art Fig. 35.

In Fig. 35, one reference numeral 31 identifies a polarized light transmission axis of reflective polarizer 30. This reference numeral 31 is correct.

The other reference numeral 31 (at the bottom of Fig. 35) identifies a control axis of light control element 40. This reference numeral 31 is incorrect, and should be reference numeral 41 as shown, for example, in Fig. 36. During the telephone discussion on January 10, 2003, the Examiner asked the

applicants' representatives to file a proposed drawing correction to correct this error in Fig. 35.

Accordingly, the proposed drawing correction submitted herewith proposes to change the reference numeral 31 at the bottom of Fig. 35 to reference numeral 41.

To supplement the arguments in the supplemental response of November 26, 2002, it is noted that in "Applicant admitted prior art" Fig. 35, although light control element 40 is the only light control element arranged between illumination device 51, 53, 54 and reflective polarizer 30 as recited in claims 1, 13, and 20, a polarized light transmission axis 31 of reflective polarizer 30 is adjusted so as to be substantially at a 45° angle to a control axis 41 (formerly 31) of light control element 40, rather than so as to be substantially perpendicular or substantially parallel to a control axis 41 (formerly 31) of light control element 40 as recited in claims 1, 13, and 20.

For the reasons set forth above, in the supplemental response of November 26, 2002, and in the amendment of October 24, 2002, it is submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been overcome, and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an action of a favorable nature are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any

overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (503.36984X00).

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